

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Livshits et al.

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For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACIDS

Art Unit: 1652

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SEP 07 2004****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 35 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the time period for response to September 7, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.